

**PLANNING COMMISSION
HYBRID PUBLIC HEARING
SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE
JULY 7, 2022**

Due notice having been given the public hearing of the Planning Commission for the Village of Southampton was held on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 5:30PM as hybrid via video conferencing and in Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, New York.

Chair opened the meeting. Pledge of allegiance was held.

Present were Co-Chair Marc Chiffert
Co-Chair Michelangelo Lieberman
Michael Anderson
Laura Devinney, left meeting early
Robert Essay
Christian Picot
Eduardo Simioni

Absent were Pamela Gilmartin
Summer Stelling

Village Planner Alex Wallach was present.

MINUTES ADOPTION

MOTION by M. Lieberman, second M. Anderson

To approve the minutes of the June Planning Commission public hearings.

On Vote: Co-Chair Chiffert, M. Anderson, L. Devinney, R. Essay, M. Lieberman, C. Picot, and E. Simioni

SEWER/WASTE-WATER COMMITTEE UPDATE BY PAUL TRAVIS AND D&B ENGINEERING

This will be handled at the August meeting, because he is awaiting further progress on creation of sewer district.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION BY LYNN ARTHUR, RENEWABLE ENERGY LONG ISLAND

This is postponed until August meeting.

She will speak about programs available from NYSERDA that have options to get portions of power from renewable source if they elect to do so. The Village does not have a solar farm, but the Town is planning to build one on the landfill site. Once this is done, we can get benefit from some of that energy from a renewable source. R. Essay asked about methane gas problem; Chair stated that they are burning it off right now but need to further review the issue.

M. Lieberman added that it provides opportunity for municipalities to make money since they can lease the land . Residents stand to have a 10% discount on their power bill. An RFP was put out for the solar project, and it is a 25-year lease. Town will have option of ownership after seven years.

UPDATE & PRESENTATION BY VILLAGE PLANNER ALEX WALLACH

An RFP went out for the review architectural structures in the Village. The Village received three proposals with the idea that if one is recommended, they will enter contract to run a historical survey of structures outside of the current historic district. They received a \$10,000 grant from State for reimbursement toward this contract. They Village will need to present to the ARB, and then recommend to the Trustees.

Currently all buildings over 75 years old need to go to a demolition committee, and the ARB can evaluate requests and they can decide to demolish or pursue landmarking if necessary.

Mr. Wallach did not have an update on the change of code to allow contractors use of Town license instead of Suffolk County license. Chair feels it has an advantage for residents, because if a complaint is lodged, it is easier to follow up on a local level.

R. Essay noted that it should be that when realtors market historic properties they need to let people know that they are indeed historic, he noted it can be a real problem when homeowners do not know.

There are four designated historic areas in the village. The comprehensive plan is nearing its final draft, there will be a hearing and then a referral to Suffolk County and the Planning Commission for review. Most likely a hearing will be in August.

UPDATES ON RECENT EFFORTS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND TASK FORCES

Property/Real Estate Task Force and Review. They have possible acquisitions under review, there will be an update in August.

Trees & Environmental Task Force. C. Picot noted that on June 21st, they reported to Board Of Trustees the findings, and a walk on resolution to form Tree Board was made. For now that would consist of three members but will be enlarged later. That Board will consist of the Village Planner, a liaison from the Trustees and a Planning Commission member. The Planning Commission member has not been chosen. At this point, this is purely the legislation process, when needed an arborist or professional can be added, as well as a public member. The idea is for Alex Wallach and M. Lieberman to work together to get this done, but M. Lieberman does not need to be the Board member for the Tree Board. M. Lieberman is a pillar on this because of his experience with the Town.

L. Devinney left the meeting.

The Tree Board would be policy focused focusing on how we look at streetscapes. L. Devinney asked if an arborist was required for Tree City. C. Picot noted that in the code they will enlarge the Tree Board, but for now just three members are necessary to pass the legislation. This tree ordinance is necessary for Tree City membership, but they have met the other three requirements. The deadline to accomplish

this is December 31st. A. Wallach believes possibly Gina Arresta will be the liaison from the Trustees. C. Picot reiterated that L. Devinney has done a ton of work on this and thanked her again.

MOTION by Chair, second M. Anderson

To table the selection of their member to represent on the Tree Board until the August meeting.

On Vote: Chair Chiffert, M. Anderson, R. Essay, M. Lieberman, C. Picot, and E. Simioni

Urban Sustainable Mobility Initiative Task Force, planning to have someone from the County to come and present in September.

GUEST PRESENTATION BY VILLAGE CLERK CATHY SWEENY/JACKIE ALLEN

This presentation is postponed, however, Chair noted that there is a continuing education training seminar being held by the Suffolk County Village Association on October 12th in Riverhead at Atlantis. This presentation is a good way to network with other Board Members from other municipalities and compare notes regarding training and regulations.

UPDATES ON VILLAGE NEWS/DEVELOPMENTS

Village elections were handled well, and Chair thanked Cathy Sweeny and Charlene Kagel-Betts. There are 3,169 registered voters and 2,745 ballots, and they had 840 vote in person, so a very good turnout.

The results were:

Bill Manger – 658 votes

Gina Arresta – 613 votes

Joseph McLaughlin – 431 votes, Chair thanked J. McLaughlin for his time as Trustee and work with Planning Commission

Kimberely Allan – 367 votes

Justice Barbara Wilson, ran unopposed - 670 votes.

The next Village election will be June 16, 2023 for Mayor. A letter was sent from the Commission to the Trustees concerning election terms and reform.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

No public comment this evening, but participation was encouraged. R. Essay brought up about traffic situation, he feels that there should be left hand turn signals in the Village. They are not getting response from County on the request. Chair encouraged use of Circuit, an electric car app, they will pick you up right from your door and he feels it is a great alternative to driving.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 4th, 2022.

Motion by Chair, second M. Anderson

To adjourn the meeting.

On Vote: Chair Chiffert, M. Anderson, R. Essay, M. Lieberman, C. Picot, and E. Simioni

Respectfully Submitted by:

JoLee Sanchez

File Date: _____

Village Clerk